

Dear Friends,

The festive season is already upon us, with Christmas decorations, lights and carols all around. Up on the Ridgeway it is cold and wet, but quiet and peaceful, with dramatic skies, and a warm fireside to look forward to at home. Your Committee send you best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year.

We usually like to send out at this time a full Christmas Newsletter, with details of plans for next year as well as our good wishes. However, our plans for the AGM are complicated by the art exhibition and the award of the Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize. We need a venue that is suitable for both the AGM and the exhibition, and that is available for sufficient time over a long week-end. We are aiming for a Sunday in April after Easter as usual, and as soon as full details are available they will be circulated in an early Spring Newsletter.

We appealed to you all this Summer to suggest to your friends and family that they might like to support our work by becoming members. Many thanks to all of you who have already made the effort, and a very warm welcome to all of you who have joined our ranks. If you have not already done so, please do talk now to your friends and neighbours — they may well value The Ridgeway and be interested in our work. It is vital for us to involve as many supporters as we can if we are to protect the Ridgeway for future generations.

Volunteers to join the Committee are urgently needed and would be most welcome. Please don't hesitate, just email, telephone or write to me and I'll be delighted to hear from you.

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Christmas Greetings from all the Committee.

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